

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 25, 2007 on pages 4 and 32 requested that Applicants point to support in the specification and claims for the amendments made in Applicants' previously filed response of April 12, 2007. Appropriate support for the amendments made in Applicants' previously submitted response is provided as follows:

- Claim 1: in at least paragraphs [1019] and [1039] of Applicants' application
- Claim 3: in at least paragraph [1039] of Applicants' application
- Claim 4: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application
- Claim 9: in at least paragraph [1005] of Applicants' application
- Claim 10: correction of antecedent basis
- Claim 11: in at least paragraph [1005] of Applicants' application
- Claim 12: in at least paragraphs [1021] and [1038] of Applicants' application
- Claim 21: in at least paragraph [1026] of Applicants' application
- Claim 22: in at least paragraph [1026] of Applicants' application
- Claim 23: in at least paragraph [1026] of Applicants' application
- Claim 24: in at least paragraph [1026] of Applicants' application
- Claim 25: in at least paragraphs [1024] and [1026] and Fig. 2 of Applicants' application
- Claim 26: in at least paragraphs [1024] and [1026] and Fig. 2 of Applicants' application
- Claim 27: in at least paragraphs [1036], [1038], and [1039] of Applicants' application
- Claim 37: in at least paragraphs [1038] and [1039] of Applicants' application
- Claim 53: in at least paragraph [1038] of Applicants' application
- Claim 54: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application
- Claim 55: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application
- Claim 56: in at least paragraph [1039] and Fig. 2 of Applicants' application
- Claim 57: in at least paragraph [1038] of Applicants' application
- Claim 58: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application
- Claim 59: in at least paragraphs [1021] and [1025] of Applicants' application
- Claim 60: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application
- Claim 62: in at least paragraph [1021] and Fig. 3 of Applicants' application

Claim 63: in at least paragraph [1021] and Fig. 3 of Applicants' application  
Claim 64: in at least paragraphs [1021] and [1039] of Applicants' application  
Claim 65: in at least paragraph [1039] and Fig. 2 of Applicants' application  
Claim 66: in at least paragraphs [1021] and [1025] of Applicants' application  
Claim 67: in at least paragraphs [1021] and [1038] of Applicants' application  
Claim 68: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application  
Claim 70: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application  
Claim 71: in at least paragraphs [1021] and [1025] of Applicants' application  
Claim 72: in at least paragraph [1039] and Fig. 3 of Applicants' application  
Claim 73: in at least paragraph [1021] of Applicants' application

Also in the Office Action of June 25, 2007, claims 1, 25, 61 and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors at the time the application was filed had possession of the claimed invention. See page 3 of the Office Action. Although Applicants contend that proper support for the claim amendments is present, Applicants have canceled claims 61 and 69 and have removed the language in question from claims 1 and 25 in order to advance prosecution in the present case. The amendment to claim 25 finds support in at least paragraphs [1024] and [1026] and in Fig. 2 of Applicants' application. As such, Applicants respectfully request the § 112 rejections be removed from claims 1 and 25 and submit that these claims do not suffer from any § 112 deficiencies.

The Office has rejected claim 1 on page 5 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. US 6,766,175 B2 (Uchiyama) in view of United States Patent Application Publication No. US 2004/0072544 A1 (Alexis). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The combination of Uchiyama and Alexis does not disclose an apparatus comprising an alphanumeric keypad for use in composing an outgoing text message, a display configured for visually displaying the outgoing text message, and a display control module configured to

receive the outgoing text message and to determine whether the outgoing text message should be visually displayed at the display, as recited in claim 1. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0021], [1024] and [1038] of Applicants' application.

Uchiyama discloses a cordless and wireless telephone docking station. A user interface 126 is provided, that includes a standard telephone keypad, and is coupled to a control bus 114 so that key actuations are sensed by a controller 128. See Uchiyama at column 11, lines 13-16. A speakerphone 124 is included in the base unit and is capable of transmitting audio sounds. See Uchiyama at column 11, lines 16-25. As shown in Figs. 2 and 5 of Uchiyama, the docking station 2 does not have a visual display. See Uchiyama in Figs. 2 and 5.

The Office Action admits on page 6 that Uchiyama does not disclose a text message and points to Alexis in order to correct this deficiency. See page 6 of the Office Action. Alexis discloses a communication system that in one embodiment has a base unit 204 that has a display (not shown). See Alexis at paragraph [0079] lines 1 and 2. The display may be used to display data stored in memory 42 or obtained from the landline or the wireless communication network. See Alexis at paragraph [0079] lines 7-10. Data stored in memory 42 can be a name and phone number from a phonebook. See Alexis at paragraph [0072] lines 5 and 6, paragraph [0074] lines 3 and 4, paragraph [0076] lines 5 and 6.

In contrast to claim 1, the combination of Uchiyama and Alexis does not disclose an apparatus comprising an alphanumeric keypad for use in composing an outgoing text message, a display configured for visually displaying the outgoing text message, and a display control module configured to receive the outgoing text message and to determine whether the outgoing text message should be visually displayed at the display device. As discussed, Uchiyama does not disclose a visual display and as admitted by the Office Action does not disclose a text message. See Uchiyama in Figs. 2 and 5 and see page 6 of the Office Action. Alexis does not disclose a display configured for visually displaying the outgoing text message composed by the alphanumeric keypad, but instead discloses a display of a base unit 204 that can be used to display data stored in a memory 42 or data from the landline or from the wireless communication network. See Alexis at paragraph [0079] lines 7-9. Alexis does not disclose an alphanumeric

keypad for use in composing an outgoing text message. See Alexis at paragraph [0046] lines 1-3. Further, Alexis completely lacks any mention of a display control module configured to receive the outgoing text message and to determine whether the outgoing text message should be visually displayed, as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, the combination of Uchiyama and Alexis fails to disclose or suggest an apparatus comprising an alphanumeric keypad for use in composing an outgoing text message, a display configured for visually displaying the outgoing text message, and a display control module configured to receive the outgoing text message and to determine whether the outgoing text message should be visually displayed, as in claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness does not exist based on the combination of Uchiyama and Alexis since all of the elements of claim 1 are not found in the combination of references. Applicants respectfully request the rejection to claim 1 to be withdrawn, and Applicants submit that claim 1 is allowable.

Claims 3, 4, 9-12, 18, 19, 21-26 and 53-60 depend from claim 1, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the combination of Uchiyama and Alexis fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 3, 4, 9-12, 18, 19, 21-26 and 53-60. Accordingly, claims 3, 4, 9-12, 18, 19, 21-26 and 53-60 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

The Office has rejected claim 27 on page 10 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Uchiyama in view of Alexis and further in view of United States Patent Publication No. 2002/0119800 A1 (Jaggers et al). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. does not disclose a method comprising a base station that is also configured for visually displaying an input from an alphanumeric keypad that is included in the base station when a display control module determines that the input from the alphanumeric keypad should be visually displayed on the

display of the base station, as recited in claim 27. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0021], [1024] and [1038] of Applicants' application.

Uchiyama discloses a cordless and wireless telephone docking station. A user interface 126 is provided, that includes a standard telephone keypad, and is coupled to a control bus 114 so that key actuations are sensed by a controller 128. See Uchiyama at column 11, lines 13-16. A speakerphone 124 is included in the base unit and is capable of transmitting audio sounds. See Uchiyama at column 11, lines 16-25. As shown in Figs. 2 and 5 of Uchiyama, the docking station 2 does not have a visual display. See Uchiyama in Figs. 2 and 5.

The Office Action admits on page 17 that Uchiyama does not disclose a text message and points to Alexis in order to correct this deficiency. See pages 17 and 18 of the Office Action. Alexis discloses a communication system that in one embodiment has a base unit 204 that has a display (not shown). See Alexis at paragraph [0079] lines 1 and 2. The display may be used to display data stored in memory 42 or obtained from the landline or the wireless communication network. See Alexis at paragraph [0079] lines 7-10. Data stored in memory 42 can be a name and phone number from a phonebook. See Alexis at paragraph [0072] lines 5 and 6, paragraph [0074] lines 3 and 4, paragraph [0076] lines 5 and 6.

Jaggers et al. was cited in the Office Action for disclosing communicating with an external device through a universal serial bus. See page 19 of the Office Action. Jaggers et al. discloses a wireless communications device that has a cradle for a wireless telephone. See the abstract of Jaggers et al. Jaggers et al. does not disclose text messages and does not disclose a base station that is also configured for displaying an input from an alphanumeric keypad that is included in the base station.

Therefore, the combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. fails to disclose or suggest the method of claim 27. Applicants respectfully submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness does not exist based on the combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. since all of the elements of claim 27 are not found in the combination of references. Applicants respectfully request the rejection to claim 27 be withdrawn and submit that claim 27 is allowable.

Claims 34-36 and 62-68 depend from claim 27, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 34-36 and 62-68. Accordingly, claims 34-36 and 62-68 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 27.

The Office has rejected claim 37 on page 10 of the Office Action, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Uchiyama in view of Alexis and further in view of Jaggers et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. does not disclose a method comprising communicating with an external device through a universal serial bus (USB) interface, the external device having an interface to send data for visual display on a display of the base station, as recited in claim 37. Support for this claim amendment may be found in at least paragraphs [0023] and [1024] and Fig. 2 of Applicants' application.

Uchiyama discloses a cordless and wireless telephone docking station. A user interface 126 is provided, that includes a standard telephone keypad, and is coupled to a control bus 114 so that key actuations are sensed by a controller 128. See Uchiyama at column 11, lines 13-16. A speakerphone 124 is included in the base unit and is capable of transmitting audio sounds. See Uchiyama at column 11, lines 16-25. As shown in Figs. 2 and 5 of Uchiyama, the docking station 2 does not have a visual display. See Uchiyama in Figs. 2 and 5.

The Office Action admits on page 21 that Uchiyama does not disclose a data call, communicating with an external device through a universal serial bus (USB) interface, and displaying information associated with the data call on the display of the base station and points to Alexis in order to correct some of these deficiencies. See page 21 of the Office Action. Alexis discloses a communication system that in one embodiment has a base unit 204 that has a display (not shown). See Alexis at paragraph [0079] lines 1 and 2. The display may be used to display data stored in memory 42 or obtained from the landline or the wireless communication network. See Alexis at paragraph [0079] lines 7-10. Data stored in memory 42 can be a name

and phone number from a phonebook. See Alexis at paragraph [0072] lines 5 and 6, paragraph [0074] lines 3 and 4, paragraph [0076] lines 5 and 6. The Office Action admits that the combination of Uchiyama and Alexis does not disclose communicating with an external device through a universal serial bus (USB) interface and points to Jaggers et al. in order to correct this deficiency. See page 22 of the Office Action.

Jaggers et al. discloses a wireless communications device that has a cradle for a wireless telephone. See the abstract of Jaggers et al. This reference discloses a dock I/O interface controller 182 that sends and receives data from I/O interface controller 120 in a wireless communication device 105. See Jaggers et al. at paragraph [0027]. Dock I/O interface controller 182 sends video signals to display 192. See Jaggers et al. at paragraph [0028]. External I/O devices can be coupled to USB hub 193 which in turn can be coupled to I/O interface controller 182. See Jaggers et al. at paragraph [0028]. However, Jaggers et al. does not disclose displaying data from the I/O devices 195 on the display 192, but rather only discloses displaying data on display 192 that is received from the data connection associated with the wireless communication device 105. See Jaggers et al. at paragraphs [0027], [1028] and [0029].

Therefore, the combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. fails to disclose or suggest the method of claim 37. Applicants respectfully submit that a *prima facie* case of obviousness does not exist based on the combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. since all of the elements of claim 37 are not found in the combination of references. Applicants respectfully request the rejection to claim 37 be withdrawn and submit that claim 37 is allowable.

Claims 38, 39, 42-46 and 70-73 depend from claim 37, which Applicants have shown to be allowable. Hence, the combination of Uchiyama, Alexis and Jaggers et al. fails to disclose at least one element of each of claims 38, 39, 42-46 and 70-73. Accordingly, claims 38, 39, 42-46 and 70-73 are also allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 37.

**Conclusion**

Applicants have pointed out specific features of the claims not disclosed, suggested, or rendered obvious by the references applied in the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

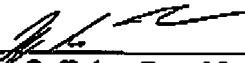
Any changes to the claims in this amendment, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

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